

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office KNOXVILLE	Office of Origin HOUSTON	Date 8/12/57	Investigative Period 7/1,2;8/1,2/57
TITLE OF CASE SS WILSON B. KEENE SS HIGHFLYER SS GRANDCAMP Limitation of Liability, April 16, and 17, 1947 Petitions of Lykes Brothers Steamship Company and Republic of France		Report made by EBER PATTERSON	Typed By: ils
		CHARACTER OF CASE ADMIRALTY MATTERS	
Synopsis: Southern Texas, Admiralty Nos. 1868, 1869, 1870			

WILLIAM KEETON THOMPSON, a longshoreman employed in loading the Grand Camp at the time of explosion, is presently employed at Walt's Texaco Service Station, East Ridge, Tennessee. THOMPSON stated he still recalls the facts as furnished in his statement March 6, 1948, at Texas City, Texas.

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA
L. NELMS JOHNSON:

AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

On 7/1/57, C. G. KESTERSON, Security Files Section, AEC, advised that their files reflect that a WILLIAM KEETON THOMPSON was granted a "P" clearance on 10/14/53 to work as a Cement Finisher with the Maxon Construction Co. KESTERSON stated that his files

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reflected that THOMPSON was born [redacted] Jackson, Tennessee, and has Social Security Number [redacted]. KESTERSON stated that their files did not indicate when this clearance was cancelled.

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On 7/1/57, Mr. FLOYD BEETS, Record Retirement Section, AEC, advised that his files reflected that WILLIAM KEETON THOMPSON, SSN [redacted] was employed as a Cement Finisher by the Maxon Construction Company, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from 8/31/53, to 1/22/54, at which time he was terminated. BEETS stated that his records did not reflect the reason for termination. THOMPSON's address, according to BEETS, was listed at this time as 116 Chestnut Street, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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On 7/1/57, L. C. WILSON, Identification Division, Oak Ridge Police Department, advised that his files contained no record of THOMPSON.

On 7/2/57, Mrs. KATIE MAY, Credit Bureau of Anderson County, advised that her files contain no record of THOMPSON.

The following investigation was conducted by SA M. JAY HAWKINS and EBER PATTERSON:

AT ATHENS, TENNESSEE:

The telephone directory for Athens, Tennessee, does not contain a listing for WILLIAM KEETON THOMPSON.

Deputy Sheriff C. D. WEBB, McMinn County SO, a newly appointed deputy, advised on 8/1/57, that THOMPSON is unknown to him.

Mrs. HURL RAY, Credit Bureau of Athens, advised on 8/1/57, that their file on THOMPSON reflects that he was formerly employed as a salesman for the Tennessee Motor Company, Athens, that he then worked for a while for the Interstate Insurance Company, Athens, Tennessee, and that he then returned in 1/57, to the Tennessee Motor Company as a salesman, which is the last employment listed for him in their files.

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JACK LAWSON, Salesmanager, Tennessee Motor Company, advised on 8/1/57, that THOMPSON left his employment with that company several weeks ago due to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He stated that THOMPSON reportedly left town in order to [REDACTED] and is believed to be working in Knoxville, Tennessee, as a cement finisher. LAWSON stated that THOMPSON presents a good appearance, has a good personality, and is able to express himself well enough to be a good salesman.

M. B. BARKER, 311 Central Avenue, advised on 8/1/57, that THOMPSON is his brother-in-law and that THOMPSON is living somewhere around Chattanooga, Tennessee, but that his exact residence is not known. He stated that THOMPSON is employed at a Texaco Service Station believed to be just outside Chattanooga, Tennessee, in East Ridge, Tennessee.